



**FIND LOCAL
JOBS FAST.**
[>> CLICK HERE <<](#)

With News & Classifieds From: **The Star-Ledger**

Small Business Owners

➔ **SEARCH** **GO ➔** || **FIND A BUSINESS**

[Home](#) [News+Biz](#) [Local](#) [Sports](#) [Forums+Chat](#) [Cams+Radio](#) [Living](#) [Entertainment](#) [CLASS](#)

Search

[Back To Your Search Results](#) | [Search Again](#)

The Express-Times

[Click here
to subscribe!](#)

» More From The Express Times

No legitimacy

Second Amendment arguments hold no water when it comes to armor-piercing gun.

Tuesday, March 08, 2005

A Belgium gun manufacturer has figured out a way to put a large amount of firepower into a small package. Now, New Jersey's two senators are leading the charge to send this gun packing.

The handgun, Five-SeveN, is an assault pistol that's lightweight. It's so small that it can easily be tucked inside a pocket. Yet it's so powerful it can rip through bulletproof or Kevlar vests. Its bullets are being marketed as strong enough to pierce 48 layers of Kevlar at 50 meters.

In November, after police in Connecticut seized one of these guns, our Homeland Security Department issued a safety alert to law enforcement officials. The following month another one of these weapons turned up on the streets of Camden County, N.J., in the hands of an alleged drug dealer. Authorities say it was purchased in Philadelphia using a fake name and a fake Social Security number.

▼ Advertisement

[CONTINUE STORY](#) ➔

MORE SEARCHES

Classifieds

- » [Jobs](#)
- » [Autos](#)
- » [Real Estate](#)
- » [All Classifieds](#)

Death Notices & Obituaries

- » [Death Notices](#)
- » [Guest Books](#)
- » [News Obituaries](#)

Local Businesses

- » [Find A Business](#)

Entertainment

- » [Movies](#)
- » [Music](#)
- » [Arts & Events](#)
- » [Dining & Bars](#)

Get The E
[Jobs | Autos](#)
[All Classifieds](#)

» [Shopping: Stores &...](#)
 » [Fun Guide: Things t...](#)
 » [Autos: Free price q...](#)
[vehicles](#)



» **Advertise**

➔ [SEND THIS PAGE](#)

➔ [PRINT THIS PAGE](#)



We need to closely protect and defend every Americans' right to bear arms. But the battle over this pistol isn't a Second Amendment fight. This weapon isn't for protection or for sport or for any other legitimate use. It's a miniature killing machine. And it must be kept out of the hands of criminals whose sole purpose in possessing a weapon such as Five-SeveN is to gun down the men and women who risk their lives to protect us -- our police officers.

Last week, U.S. Sens. Frank Lautenberg and Jon Corzine, of New Jersey, along with Sen. Chuck Schumer and Rep. Eliot Engel, of New York, introduced a bill in Washington, D.C., that would keep these weapons out of the hands of everyone except police officers and military officials. The bill also would make it illegal to manufacture the gun or its bullets in the United States, an obvious strike at the gun's maker, FN Herstal, of Belgium, which has a U.S. division in McLean, Va.

The company says the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms approved the gun but limited public purchase of ammunition for the gun to government-approved cartridges. The bullets that can penetrate Kevlar, according to the company, can only be purchased by the military and law enforcement agencies.

Still, this kind of weaponry has a way of falling into the wrong hands. We cannot allow that to happen. The potential threat to our police officers -- and the public at large -- is too great.

The Protect Law Enforcement Armor Act has been endorsed by the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. Both the Brady Campaign and the Washington Metropolitan Police Department have test fired the weapon and confirm it can penetrate bulletproof vests.

There is no legitimate reason for law-abiding citizens to be packing these armor-piercing pistols. Banning them would in no way jeopardize the Second Amendment or weaken the power of the National Rifle Association and other gun lobbies.

The NRA would be wise to step aside on this one. Congress should ban not only the Five-SeveN but this class of weapon with the potential to do so much harm.

And no good.

The Best Local Classifieds: [Jobs](#) | [Autos](#) | [Real Estate](#) | [Place An Ad](#)



Special Home Delivery Offers!

[The Star-Ledger](#) | [The Times, Trenton](#) | [The Jersey Journal](#)
[Gloucester Co. Times](#) | [The Express-Times](#)
[Bridgeton News](#) | [Today's Sunbeam](#)

[About Us](#) | [Help/Feedback](#) | [Advertise With Us](#)

Use of this site constitutes acceptance of our [User Agreement](#). Please read our [Privacy Policy](#).

© 2005 [NJ.com](#). All Rights Reserved.

